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Filed: **Herewith**
For: **BATCH FOR PRODUCING A REFRACTORY CERAMIC
SHAPED BODY, SHAPED BODY MADE THEREFROM,
AND A USE THEREOF**

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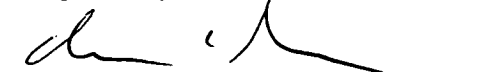
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